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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of Allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of April 20, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed April 20, 2009, paragraph 4 states in part:

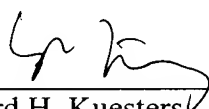
Claims 1 and 12: In view of the limitations, the prior art does not fairly disclose alone or in combination an elevator rope slippage detecting device having a pulley sensor for generating a signal in accordance with a rotation of the pulley; a rope speed sensor for generating a movement speed of the rope based on an observation of the rope and a processing device that includes a first and second speed detecting portion based on the signal from the pulley sensor and rope sensor respectively.

Although the above comment seems to be directed to independent Claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 12 does not include all of the elements recited above. For example, Claim 12 recites "a control device configured to control operation of an

elevator” and not “an elevator rope slippage detection device.” Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above quoted statement applies only to independent Claim 1 (and claims dependent therefrom), and not independent Claim 12 (and claims dependent therefrom), to the extent the language used in the statement differs from the language of the claims.

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